



4th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Start of Academic Year 2023-24

Welcome back to the academic year 2023-2024 and to our students and staff.

Examination Results

We are pleased to report some outstanding achievements by our students in their A levels, GCSEs and vocational qualifications this summer.

As our students embark on the next stages of their academic and vocational journeys, we take great pride in announcing that our students have secured places at prestigious institutions such as Russell Group universities, the University of London, Brunel University, Kingston University, the University of Bath, and the University of the West of England, among others. They will be pursuing a wide array of subjects including Physics and Astronomy, Mechanical Engineering, History, Computer Science, English and Creative Writing, Accountancy and Finance, as well as Sport and Exercise Psychology.

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 11 students have also performed well in their exams. Many have exceeded their expected outcomes, and others have continued to shine in line with expectations. As last year, numerous students chose to continue their educational journeys with Ernest Bevin, and we are overwhelmed by their trust in our teaching staff to help them flourish and be the best they can be.

Congratulations to all our Year 11 and 13 students and I thank staff and parents for their support as all of us working together enables the success of our students.

Welcome to new staff

We are delighted to introduce you to our new teachers. We offer a very warm welcome to:

Mr Oti-Akenten, Teacher of DT
Mr Carolino, Teacher of Science
Mr Runsewe, Teacher of Mathematics
Mr Harding, Teacher of PE
Mr Walker, Teacher of Business and Geography

Additionally, we would like to congratulate the following existing staff who have new roles:

Mrs Pearce, Behaviour Support Officer
Mr Bedward, Deputy Safeguarding and Pastoral Support Lead
Mrs Dev, Examinations Officer

As well as Mr Simeone and Ms Powell who are taking on SLT Secondment roles.

As a reminder, the pastoral support structure is as follows:

Ms Dorcely will be the Director of Learning for Years 7 and 8 and Mr Kilner will be the Head of Year for both year groups and will be supported by Miss Lamptey;
Mr Heathcote will be the Director of Learning for Years 9 and 10 and Miss O'Leary will be the Head of Year for both year groups and will be supported by Mr Bedward;
Mr Simeone remains the Head of Purple Ties with Mr Blakemore's support.



Return to school for students in September 2023

Year 7 and Year 12	Wednesday 6 th September by 8.40am Year 7 – student entrance Year 12 – main entrance
Whole school	Thursday 7 th September by 8.40am Year 7 to Year 11 – student entrance Year 12 and 13 – sixth form entrance

Uniform

Every student is expected to wear compulsory school uniform and to have EB sports kit. Sports kit should be brought into school in an appropriate bag on the days it is needed.

Our uniform requirements are:

- Black Blazer with EBA Phoenix logo pre-embroidered on pocket;
- Tie in the correct year colour;
- Black tailored trousers;
- White shirt with collar (shirts must be tucked in at all times);
- Black leather shoes (no trainers);
- Black V-neck jumper.

The Sports kit is as follows:

- Ernest Bevin tracksuit bottoms/shorts;
- Ernest Bevin sports top;
- Football socks;
- Trainers/boots depending on activity;
- Swimming trunks, towel & goggles when swimming is timetabled.

Uniform can be purchased from School Uniform Direct: <https://www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk/>.
A leaflet from School Uniform Direct offering purchasing guidance can be found [here](#).

Sixth Form students are expected to dress smartly and wear a lanyard at all times on site.

Hair styles

We appreciate students' individuality when choosing their own hair styles but ask for parents and carers to ensure students do not have extreme styles; shaved lines and unnatural colours would be an example of this. Should anyone be unsure about whether a style is suitable, they can speak to their Head of Year for advice.

Equipment

- Students must also ensure they have the following equipment every day:
- Pens, pencils and a small set of colouring pencils, in a pencil case;
 - Basic scientific calculator;
 - Geometrical instrument set;
 - Eraser (note Tipex or its equivalent is not permitted);
 - Reading Book (to be carried at all times);
 - A sturdy bag to carry books and equipment;
 - A water bottle is recommended.

Please note the key policies to be familiar with can all be found on our website:
Behaviour policy



Attendance policy
Uniform Policy
Electronic devices

Free School Meals

In case your circumstances have changed over the summer. please use the following link to complete the FSM form: <https://ernestbevin.london/index.php/parents/college-meals/>.

Student wellbeing and support

Within the school we have placed emphasis on our wellbeing messages alongside activities designed to: support the building of friendships and social engagement; address and equip our students to respond to current issues and continue to support students with approaches to improving their physical and mental wellbeing.

We have a full-time counsellor and whole school support is available as well as support from external agencies where necessary. For students in crisis, specialist support should be sought by parents/carers via local NHS services. For further information on this, please click [here](#).

Medication

If your child needs any medication to be stored at the college, please send this to the front office, clearly labelled. If there are any changes to medical needs, then we must know immediately.

Times of the school day

Details of the school day can be found in the tables below. All students must be on site by 8.40am.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

8.45-9.05	Registration/Tutor time
9.05-10.05	Period 1
10.05-11.05	Period 2
11.05-11.20	Break
11.20-12.20	Period 3
12.20-13.20	Period 4
13.20 -14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.00	Period 5
15.00	End of Day

Tuesday

8.45-9.30	Registration/PSHE
9.30-10.25	Period 1
10.25-11.20	Period 2
11.20-11.35	Break
11.35-12.30	Period 3
12.30-13.25	Period 4
13.25 -14.05	Lunch break
14.05-15.00	Period 5
15.00	End of Day

Key Dates for Autumn term

INSET DAYS Staff training - school closed for students	Monday 20 th November Friday 8 th December
SCHOOL OPEN for Years 7 & 12 All students arrive at 8.40am	Wednesday 6 th September
SCHOOL OPEN FOR ALL STUDENTS All students arrive at 8.40am	Thursday 7 th September
Year 11 Parent Information Evening	Monday 18 th September 6.00-7.00pm



Year 7 and 8 Parent Information Evening	Tuesday 19 th September 6.00-7.00pm
Year 9 and 10 Parent Information Evening	Wednesday 20 th September 6.00-7.00pm
Year 12 Parent Information Evening Year 13 Parent Information Evening	Thursday 21 st September 5.30-6.30pm Thursday 21 st September 6.30- 7.30pm
Open Evening (students leave at 1.20 pm)	Wednesday 27 th September
Late start (school starts at 10am)	Thursday 28 th September
Open Morning	Friday 29 th September 9.00-11.00am
Open Morning	Friday 6 th October 9.00-11.00am
OCTOBER HALF TERM	Monday 21 st to Friday 27 th October
LAST DAY OF TERM	Thursday 21 st December

We urge parents to attend the Parent Information events listed in the key dates above in order to meet the staff in these key roles and hear directly from us about our vision for your child at Ernest Bevin Academy. Please continue to contact your child's tutor in the first instance regarding their academic and pastoral development and, if necessary, they will direct you to further support within the school.

Website

We are pleased our new promotional video is almost ready to share and we will let you know in the coming weeks when it can be viewed on our website.

School site improvements and building works

I would like to thank Mrs Mayhew and the premises team for their hard work this summer. The main school building now has LED lighting and there has been major ceiling tile replacement work and new lino installed. Several classrooms, including the ICT rooms, have had major refurbishment. We are still in the process of one of our largest projects which is the extensive works to repair our main hall and Drama Studio roof and windows. This has necessitated scaffolding to be put in place and will require the relocation of assemblies and events to our other large spaces within the school. The project is due to be completed by December. We will speak to students on their return regarding health and safety on site and request that you also speak to them regarding this.

Edulink (parent portal)

We have recently implemented changes within our parental portal system necessitated by updates due to our transition to United Learning. We will share further details during this half term (including new login/password information). Your current login and password will not work after the October half term break.



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I very much look forward to the year ahead and to working with you all to ensure continued success for all students.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Dohel
Principal